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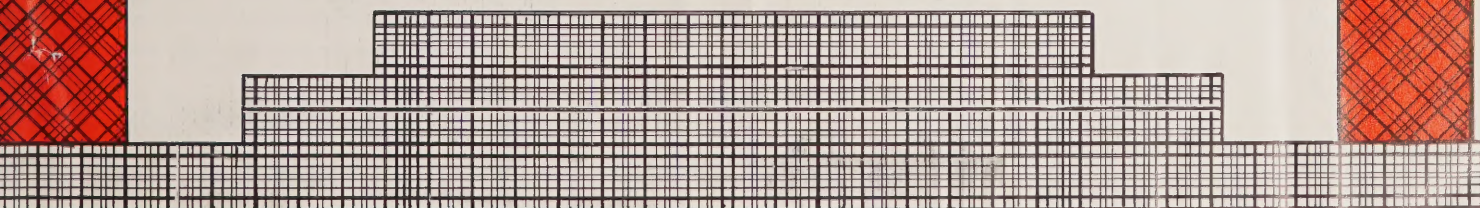
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GREETINGS

To All Scottish Rite Masons Wherever Dispersed Throughout the World:

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- October 4th—**
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- October 4th—**
Wilson Ladies' Night Party
- October 9th—**
Regular Meeting — New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
- October 20th—**
Kinston Ladies' Night Party
- October 21st—**
Morehead City-Beaufort Ladies' Night Party
- October 25th—**
Fort Bragg Ladies' Night Party
- October 25th—**
Elizabeth City Ladies' Night Party
- October 26th—**
Havelock-Cherry Point Ladies' Night Party
- October 31st—**
Onslow-LeJeune Ladies' Night Party
- November 1st—**
Washington Ladies' Night Party
- November 4th—**
New Bern Ladies' Night Party

FALL REUNION NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE BODIES November 14, 15 and 16

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

Reports from the outlying areas of our jurisdiction are most encouraging and on the basis of these reports it seems fair to predict that the forthcoming "Law and Order Reunion" will be by far the largest yet. Blue Lodges throughout our area have been working ceaselessly and perhaps the largest number of Master Masons ever has been raised in the last two months. Our enthusiastic workers have been getting lists of these Master Masons and have been contacting them in an effort to obtain their petitions.

The Pilgrimage to Greensboro in which we celebrated the Feast of Tishri was most successful. In fact the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern had more than 100 persons attending. This group included members and their wives as well as petitioners and their wives. In fact, at least eight of the group had already turned in their petitions for the degrees and they are now among the most enthusiastic persons that we have. Their experience in Greensboro was most inspiring, as it was to every one who attended, and it is easy to predict that these will be very enthusiastic salesmen for the success of our Reunion.

Ladies night parties have been scheduled in a good many areas of our jurisdiction and by the time you have received this issue of the BAGPIPE, several of these parties will already have been held. These parties represent our effort to carry the Scottish Rite to our membership and to their ladies, all in an effort not only to create enthusiasm among them, but also to impress upon the prospective candidates who are present the importance of participating in our Reunion this Fall.

There is much to be done and the enthusiasm that prevails now indicates that much is going to be done. If our members would only assume the responsibility of selecting some one Master Mason in whom he might have an interest and for whose moral and spiritual benefit he will make a special effort to provide him with the opportunity, surely we would have no difficulty in having the largest class ever. There are many prospects waiting only to be asked and surely our active workers will do no less than ask them.

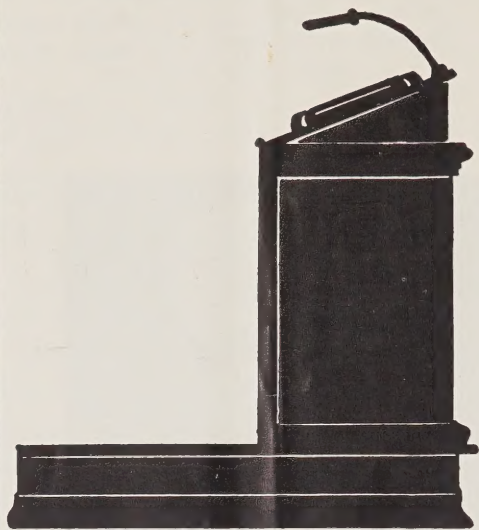


R. L. PUGH, 33°

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



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From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

A MASONIC LIFE IS A JOURNEY

Our Masonic Life is a journey, not a destination, not a home, not a city of habitation. The enjoyment, fellowship and light that we receive along the way are but *Inns on the Road-side*, where we may be refreshed, enriched and enlightened — to press forward. We are supposed to live each day at a time, building on to what has gone before. Some people seem to think that *life is a destination*, that we have this reward to look forward to at the end. May I say, **NOW IS THE TIME WE LIVE FOR TODAY. EVERY DAY AS THOUGH THE REWARD IS TODAY.** Scottish Rite is like receiving a college education from or on our first three Degrees, but it is not the end, it is the beginning of a more beautiful part of our JOURNEY. Some of the most inspiring truths are added to you, to lift you up and make you a better person for having come this way in life.

You will meet one man or woman, perhaps ten or twenty this day. Every one of them can have their day brightened or darkened by you and the tone of your voice and the manner of your greeting. You can add a little more joy into the life of every person you see today.

We believe that the Scottish Rite will inspire you to want to add, not subtract from the joy of others. From its sublime truths, your entire life is made better. You see yourself in a new light — **DIGNITY — RESPECT FOR OTHERS, MERCY, SUNSHINE, ALL COME TO YOU.**

Lives are made of chapters. After one chapter is written, it cannot be changed

but we can write a new chapter tomorrow with a new day. **FOR SURELY OUR LIFE IS A JOURNEY TO BE LIVED, ENJOYED, MADE RICHER TODAY. NOT SIMPLY LOOKING FOR THE REWARD AT THE END. THE REWARD COMES EACH DAY OF YOUR LIFE FROM THE GOOD YOU GATHERED THE DAY BEFORE.**

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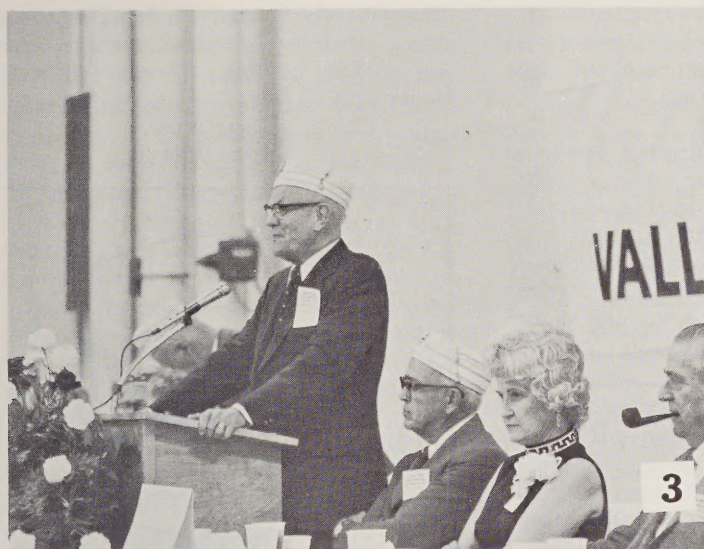
Highlights - "Feast of Tishri" — Greensboro, N. C. - September 20, 1972



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1. Before the meeting, greetings exchanged with the wife of our Inspector General, Sarah Johnston.
2. Our Sovereign Grand Commander addressing the tremendous crowd.
3. Robert L. Pugh, 33°, introducing the Sovereign Grand Commander.

4. The Sovereign Grand Commander, Henry C. Clausen, 33°, and our host, Robert G. Paschal, 33°, Secretary Greensboro Bodies.
5. A highlight of the entertainment: note the dramatic expression of our own A. A. "Shorty" Kafer, 33°. This thrilled the crowd.
6. Part of the crowd of 3,000 who filled the Exhibition Hall in Greensboro.

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

The story is told of a man, who while going through some papers, came across a passbook for a bank in a city where he had previously lived. He thought he had closed the account, but the passbook showed a balance remaining. Upon making inquiries, he discovered that all through the country there were scores of forgotten bank accounts running into millions of dollars.

As it is with money, so it is with talents and abilities. Having them is not enough. To be of any value, they must be put to work.

How many of us complain that our gifts and talents are few? Are they so few or do we just use them sparingly? We are not responsible for the color of our eyes, but we are responsible for the use we make of them. So it is with those God given endowments and talents. The joy of having talents is using them.

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HAPPINESS

Take a heaping cup of PATIENCE,
And a big heartful of LOVE:
Add two handfuls of GENEROSITY
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And MEMORIES, old and new;
Add a lot of FAITH and mix well
To make it rich and sweet,
And enjoy a heaping portion
With everyone you meet!

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Write your name in kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; and you will never be forgotten. Your name and your good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.

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A good architect can make an old house look a little better just by discussing the cost of a new one.

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In this modern age, many boys go steady before their voices do.

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In many parts of the Orient, a marriage is arranged by the parents and a man doesn't know his wife until after the wedding.

The arrangements in the United States are considerably different, but the final results seem to be identical.

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An elderly man was driving down the street in his antique car when a traffic policeman signaled him to stop. Timidly, he pulled over to the curb.

"It's all right," explained the policeman, "Relax. I just want to see what it feels like to put my foot on a running board again."

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"I hope you'll be a little easy on the cost," he told the mechanic. After all, I'm just a poor preacher."

"Yes, I know," came the reply. "I heard you preach yesterday."

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Advice is like mushrooms; usually the wrong kind can prove fatal.

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To reply to an evil word by another taunt is like trying to clean up dirt with mud.

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"Well, I did my good deed today. I made at least 100 people happy."

"How is that?"

"I chased by hat when the wind blew it down the street."

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DOWN ON SLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°



There should be some sort of special recognition arranged for those individuals responsible for that rare bird, the entertaining television commercial. Most commercials provide adequate justification for heaving chairs and the like screenward, so it is particularly refreshing when an entertaining one comes along.

I suppose I really cannot claim much right to criticize television because once I've seen the news there is very little else I ever watch. It could be that they just save the worst commercials for the news periods and that during other time periods the commercials are such as will capture the imagination and tickle the funnybone, but I doubt it.

The other evening I saw a pork and beans commercial and the main point of it was that this man and woman got so romantically ga-ga over this particular brand of pork and beans that they had to go into a kissing session right there.

Well, I've known about pork and beans all my life, and I reckon there are several things that could be said in their favor, but claiming that there is something romantic about 'em is setting up a credibility gap that Lyndon Johnson would have to admire.

Then they advertise this paper napkin that will absorb the contents of a medium-sized swimming pool and still retain enough strength to support cups and saucers and the like. Now I've done some pretty silly things in my life but I've never had a hankering to carry cups and saucers around in wet napkins and I

can't imagine why anyone else would need to.

One thing they're advertising that ought to go great guns is this double-bladed razor — what one blade misses the other is bound to get. We humans — here in America, at least — are faithful advocates of the overkill. If the instructions say a two-second squirt of insect spray will do the job your average American will probably spray for a minute or so. If just a little dab is said to effectively guard against underarm odor your good old Humanus Americanus will smear a fistful under there. And so it goes and thus we are. So, like I said, that double-bladed razor ought to go like a house afire. Most of us would likely buy a triple-bladed one if somebody would just be kind enough to give us the opportunity.

Mentioning the insect spray reminds me that the other day Mary Frances came

in the bedroom and started spraying all around the drapes and everything and I asked her what she was doing.

"I'm freshening up the air a little," she said, "It was beginning to get a little stale in here."

"That stuff smells sort of funny," I remarked.

"It certainly does," she agreed. She looked at the can closely and discovered she was using spray wax. We are probably the only people in Jacksonville with waxed drapes.

We attended an out-of-town function some weeks ago and this one lady introduced herself to Mary Frances and said, "I just *had* to meet you. After all those things your husband writes about you in *The Bagpipe* I wanted to see just what you are like."

Well . . . needless to say, mine was not a peaceful ride home that night.

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 14, 1972

- 10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Ophille, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom Cathey.
- 10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, W. E. Gardner and T. H. Miller.
- 11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.
- 12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Ophille, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.
- 1:00 P.M.— Luncheon.
- 2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Odell Merrill and W. J. Ipock, Jr.
- 3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Ophille, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan and Pete McSorley.
- 4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.
- 4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshall Harvey.
- 12°—Communicated.
- 5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, E. P. Blair and Johnny West.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant and Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, November 15, 1972

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree and Charles A. Litchfield.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRaney, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall and Bill Blair.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, November 16, 1972

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson and Neil Vester.

3:45 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. L. Pugh, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall and C. W. Guptil.

5:45 P.M. —Class Banquet closing Reunion; the Grand Master's Night.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

It was but a few days ago that you and I sat sat before our television sets with a great sense of expectancy and thrill. The Twentieth Olympiad was about to start! Suddenly it all began. Into the giant arena came representatives of the many nations. With great color and pageantry the Grand Entry for the Olympics Games began. As this colorful scene was in place and still, the oath of fair-play was taken. Each man pledged to give his best efforts to make the games truly representative of unity and competition of the very highest level.

My companion who watched with me remarked: "Why is it that there can be perfect harmony on the grounds and under the various flags of many differing nations, and yet there is little peace outside. How wonderful it would be if this same spirit prevailed always."

Had she but known! A great parable, and almost a prophetic utterance, was given in that question. Today, as I prepare this article, the same arena grounds are filled with representatives of the same nations. The same proud flags fly — only this time they are at half-staff. Sorrow and darkness have replaced the shouts of victory. All the athletes are experiencing shock! It is no longer "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" of which the commentators had spoken. Gross darkness covers the people! Innocent people are dead. Some are suffering the loss of loved ones. All are experiencing national embarrassment.

We ask "Why?" How could such a tragic thing happen in so unusual a place? We can't lay it only at the feet of a people whose religion is based on other than our God. This is the kind of thing which our world can expect on a local, national, and world-scale so long as men's hearts are directed by force and willfulness!

What does Freemasonry have to say to times like this? What are you and I going to do to make the earth a better place on which to live? We must recognize this fact: The occurrences at the



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Olympic Games isn't just evidence of civil strife. Similar occurrences are to be seen in our beloved nation. So we can't pass it off by saying that it is the lifestyle of a benighted nation! Almighty God is speaking through this age with the sobering words: "Can ye not read the signs of the times?"

This we know; this is God's world. All men are His children, regardless of religious preference, place of birth, form of government, or benighted philosophy of life. There is something rather up-to-date in that precious record in Holy Writ which stated: "And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." When God saw that light He said that it was good. It is only in the compass of that "light" that anything can be good.

Are we ready to make a difference in the world? Then, begin at home! There isn't much — if, indeed, anything that you or I can do about the tragedy of this week. I suppose we all feel that we would if we could. Be reminded, my brothers, that it is when you and I hear "Let there be light"; it is when we first really behold the working tools of our Craft and appropriate them to our usage that we begin to make a difference in our time. This constitutes both the challenge and the work of a Mason. It is only by that "light" that any of us can approximate reading with clarity those perfect designs of the Great Architect forever inscribed on the trestleboard of life's eternal struggle in building an edifice that cannot be destroyed.

When will we ever truly learn and practice Friendship, Charity, Brotherhood, Fidelity, Zeal, and all the great principles taught at the altars of our Masonic devotions?

Events are teaching us by tragic examples of darkness what Masonry has affirmed through the ages: namely, this is God's world. No one can be completely whole so long as anyone about us is broken.

Suffice it at this time to affirm by word, action, and life: "This is God's world." We need to realize that the problems that are really affecting mankind are personal and spiritual. We cannot be Craftsmen who are true to the Great Architect, our world, and ourself until we are possessed by a hope that refuses to be shaken; a realism that refuses to be blind; and a faithful dedication to the Kingdom that will not be side-tracked by any illusory ventures. I, first of all, call myself to that dedication; but, I invite each of you to join with me. "Craftsmen, assemble!" Let there be light!

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BENJAMIN F. GILLIKIN, 33°

Died: September 9, 1972
New Bern, N. C.

Masonry in general and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in particular, suffered a tremendous loss in the passing of Ben Gillikin because he was one of those rare and distinct personalities loved by everyone. Surely no man ever was possessed of a more kindly disposition, nor of a greater desire for fellowship. He loved to meet and to mingle with Masonic Brethren. It can be safely said that he was never so happy as when he was in their presence or as when he was attending a Scottish Rite Reunion. It is now only a few short weeks since he passed away, and it can be safely said that each passing day only adds to the greatness of his soul and to the value of his worth as he moved in and out among his Brethren.

Ben became a 32° Mason on November 17, 1932. Previous to this and during the same year he had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Doric Lodge No. 568. He began immediately to work in the philosophy of the Scottish Rite and took an active interest in participating in the degrees. Countless numbers of our members will never forget the masterful manner in which he presided as Master of the Fifth Degree for so many years. He was truly a dramatist of the first order and never failed to give a beautiful portrayal of the role he was enacting. His enthusiasm for and active interest in all things relating to Scottish Rite caused him to be recognized by the Supreme Council when it awarded him the coveted recognition of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and then subsequently he was coronetted with the highest recognition when on October 19, 1951, he was created a Thirty-Third Degree Mason by the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C. He served on many important committees for the Scottish Rite and held practically all of the top positions. He also served as Chairman of the Theatre Committee.

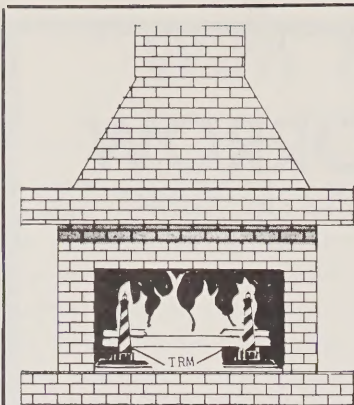
After long years of service in the N. C. Employment Security Commission, during the latter years of which he served as Manager of the New Bern office, Ben retired in 1971 and at his retirement he was accorded special recognition by his employers.

Ben was also an active communicant of Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern and the funeral service was conducted by his Rector, the Rev. C. Edward Sharp, assisted by the Rev. Charles E. Williams, Rector Emeritus. Funeral services were held at Christ Episcopal Church on Monday, September 11th, 1972 at 11:00 o'clock and committal followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery with full Masonic rites.

He married the charming and talented Anna Badham and to this union there were born two children, Mrs. Ronnie B. Lamm of New Bern and one son, Benjamin F. Gillikin, Jr. of Greenville, S. C. There are three grandchildren.

Thus the hand of the Grim Reaper reached down into this Christian home and withdrew a beloved and valued member, a man who had given his life in service to God and to his Fraternity. Testimonies of the high regard in which he was held and of the great love that his numerous friends had for him are in abundance.

To his widow, his two children, his grandchildren and others of his family, the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern express their deepest sympathy. We also express our gratitude to the family for the contribution their loved one made in the creation of an influence that will forever shine as a beacon light, guiding us on through pathways of noble service and into an eternity to be once again with him.



HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°



Not long ago some of our Scottish Rite brothers were discussing the bloopers or boners that occur in normal conversations and how embarrassing they can be.

One member, happily married and the father of two children, was walking on a New Bern street with another brother when they spotted a good looking young girl in a mini-skirt.

"Wow, I wish I could get a date with her," Brother X commented.

"That's my sister, do you want me to introduce you?" Brother Z replied in a chilly voice. (Editor's note: The offer was not accepted).

Some two years ago we were sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to do a series of articles on the Camp Lejeune Marines assigned there in the event Senor Castro should decide to "annex" the base. Having been there at least seven times earlier on identical stories, we considered the seven-day sojourn more of a "vacation" than work.

Following our arrival, we were rushed to our quarters and allowed two minutes to wash and change shirts. It seems that we had an interview scheduled with the two-star admiral commanding the base and the information officer, a Navy lieutenant, wanted to make sure we were in the admiral's office on time.

The admiral, flanked by his chief of staff and an aide, was as cordial as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. The aide poured coffee while the admiral, beaming from ear to ear, waived us to a comfortable seat, offered cigars and welcomed us to his command.

We don't recall his exact words, but they amounted to:

"I know this is your eighth or ninth trip here, and I've only been here a few days. Right now you know more about the place than I do, except for some classified material. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to call me at any hour. I'm always available," the admiral said.

Expressing our appreciation for his cooperation, and sipping a second cup of coffee, we submitted several routine quer-

ies which would require some research on some yeoman's part during the week. Accepting a third cup of coffee at the admiral's urging, we put away our notebook and relaxed.

"Admiral, now that this interview is over, I'd like to ask you something. Since most newspapers and national magazines are making so much noise about the Pueblo incident, I'd like to know if you think the Navy (censored) the skipper of that ship for what happened?" we asked.

The good admiral's face turned the color of a July tomato. His aide appeared to be horrified while the faces of other officers in the room showed only puzzlement.

"No, Mr. MacRae, I don't think the skipper was (censored) as you put it. I am a fresh-caught admiral and at the time of the Pueblo incident I was a captain in charge of those operations and working out of Pearl Harbor," he replied.

Years ago in a small Georgia town we were awakened by the telephone at 2 or 3 a.m. Groping in the dark and hitting a shin on a chair, we picked up the con-founded instrument.

"Is this Rev. Tom MacRae?" a woman's voice asked. Other voices could be heard in the background. Rubbing our shin, we went along with the joke.

"Yes (censored), it is. What the (censored) do you want?" we inquired.

There was a startled gasp, then the hum of the dial tone. We returned to bed. Several days later we met the "real" Rev. Tom MacRae but neglected to mention the incident.

We often wonder if he lost a member of his flock.

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The mission of Masonry now is to teach men to curb their intemperate passions

and to reconcile conflicting interests; to extend to nations those principles of humanity, benevolence, and virtue which should move individuals; to overcome the pride of conquest and the pomp of war; to destroy local prejudices and unreasonable partialities; to banish from the world every source of enmity, hatred, and hostility; and to introduce those voluntary social dealings among men which can preserve peace and good order better than penal laws or political regulations ever could.

In the (Master Architect) or Twelfth degree, we find these words: Society, in its great relations, is as much the creation of Heaven as is the system of the Universe. If that bond of gravitation that holds all worlds and systems together, were suddenly severed, the universe would fly into wild and boundless chaos. And if we were to sever all the moral bonds that hold society together; If we could cut off from it every conviction of Truth and Integrity, of an authority above it, and of a conscience within it, it would immediately rush to disorder and frightful anarchy and ruin. The religion we teach is therefore as really a principle of things, and as certain and true as gravitation.

Faith in moral principles, in virtue,

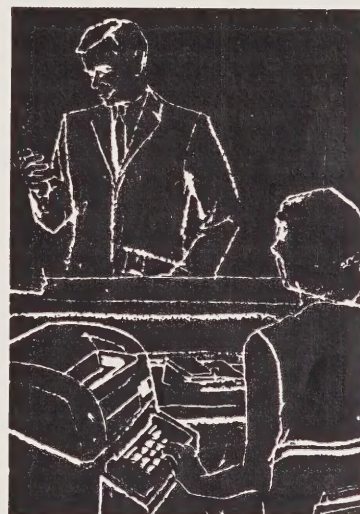
and in God, is as necessary for the guidance of a man, as instinct is for the guidance of an animal.

"We know that the home is the foundation of any society, yet today in our nation, self assertion seems to be the modern aspiration; to be independent of if not indeed to reject — the familiar disciplines of home, church, and community". "To use a familiar phrase, everyone wants to do his own thing". America is losing the sense of belonging that was once found in the family. "The feeling of individual serenity in the common bond of family life was complete".

But instead, "it has become increasingly fashionable to question and attack the most basic elements of our society. It is said that religion is irrelevant, our democracy is a sham, the free enterprise system has failed.

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6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple

7:30 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune

1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.

3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:15 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens

12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:30 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest

5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

of youth but of large segments of our people — often seems to be a highly individualized self-interest.

This brings to our attention not merely the negative attitudes toward existing institutions but its excessively tolerant views toward personal conduct, towards sexual morality, use of drugs of disobedience of laws believed by the individual to be unjust.

On the contrary, Masonry teaches, "All the relations of life, those of parent, child, brother, sister, friend, associate, lover and beloved, husband, wife, are moral, throughout every living tie and thrilling nerve that bind them together. They cannot subsist a day nor an hour without putting the mind to a trial of its truth, fidelity, forbearance and disinterestedness.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular September meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held at Franklin Lodge on Monday, September 4, 1972, and was called to order by

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the Vice-President J. C. Campobasso. About twenty members were present.

The first order of business was a reminder of the Scottish Rite Pilgrimage to Greensboro, and that an attempt was being made to contact Secretary Pugh regarding a bus leaving Beaufort for the Pilgrimage. So far no contact has been made concerning the bus.

Strong emphasis was placed by the Vice-President that only a couple of months remain until the Fall reunion, and we should work harder for candidates because we made such a poor showing at the Spring reunion. All members promised they would put forth more effort on obtaining candidates.

The meeting was adjourned until the October date.

Vice-Pres. J. C. Campobasso,
Acting Secretary

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Brockway Masonic Hall Thursday night, Sept. 7, 1972. The meeting was opened by Bro. James A. Muse, Vice-President, who asked Bro. Oscar Sermons to give the invocation.

Eighteen members were present. The business discussed was our Scottish Rite Ladies' Night Party to be held on tentative dates Oct. 12 or Oct. 26th prior to Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern Nov. 14-15-16, Bros. Norwood Sanders, Oscar Sermons and Jesse Gurganus being the arrangement committee for date, place, menu and speaker. Bro. John Ballard was appointed as entertainment committee chairman. No further business at

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this time except to urge all present to secure at least one candidate for November reunion, remembering we have 5 candidates to raise to Master Mason at Cherry Point Lodge No. 688 on Sept. 21, 1972. Please be present. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. Norwood Sanders.

M. D. Stamps, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met Tuesday evening, September 11, 1972, with President Johnny R. West, presiding.

The Invocation was given by Brother Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary of the Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club.

Brother West welcomed back members of the club after the short vacation season and extended an invitation to several guests to meet with us whenever possible.

Brother Robert L. Pugh reported on the conditions of Brother L. T. "Bugs" Barrington, Brother George Smith and Brother Harold Mallard who are convalescing in Craven County Hospital.

Brother West invited members, wives

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Brother Pugh commented on the Pilgrimage to Greensboro, N. C. and over one hundred people are planning to make the trip.

Brother Pugh read a lengthy list of Master Masons from Craven County that should be contacted and encouraged to petition for the degrees during the Law and Order Reunion to be held November 14, 15 and 16, 1972. Brother Pugh also

stated that there were twenty-eight petitions on hand at this time, which is a good start.

Details for a planned Ladies Night to be held November 4, 1972 will be formalized at a later date.

There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Brother W. L. Adams.

There were 24 members and 3 guests present.

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Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held its August meeting at Brother G. H. Webb's cottage on the Albemarle Sound. A very enjoyable steak cook out was served by the kitchen committee. A short business meeting followed conducted by the president. Plans for Ladies Night were put in effect for Oct. 20, 1972. We had an increase of three new members. We were happy to have Brother G. C. Buck, 32°, K.C.C.H., back in attendance after being hospitalized.

T. S. Morgan, Secretary

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club, with Bro. Claude Anthony, 32°, presiding, held its regular meeting Wednesday night Sept. 6, 1972 at the Barbecue Barn on Highway 42; where in addition to a very informative talk by Brother A. D. Underwood on "What Scottish Rite Masonry has meant to me", everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner of East Carolina Barbecue and or fried chicken, followed by the business meeting at which time the following order of business was disposed of: Completion of arrangements for entertainment on Ladies Night to be held Wednesday, October 4, 1972 at the Cherry Hotel.

The following officers were nominated and elected for 1973: President, Bro. A. D. Underwood, 32°; Vice-President, Bro. Thermon Batton, 32°; Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Carl C. Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H. (Re-elected) Bro. Underwood was elected President of the "Freedoms Foundation" class during the "Fall Reunion" of 1971.

Respectfully,
Bro. Bob Martin, 32°

In Memoriam

*Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.*

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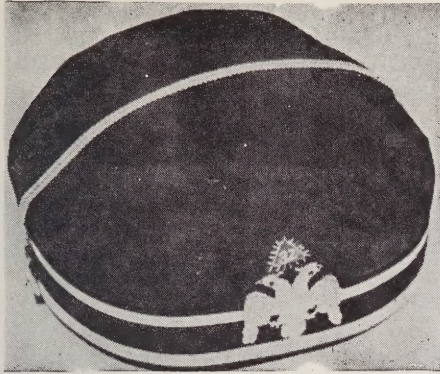
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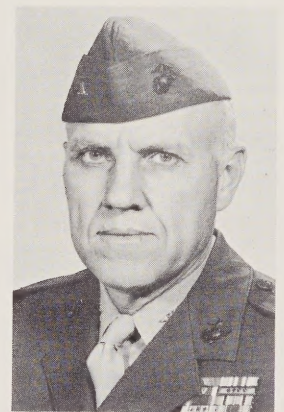
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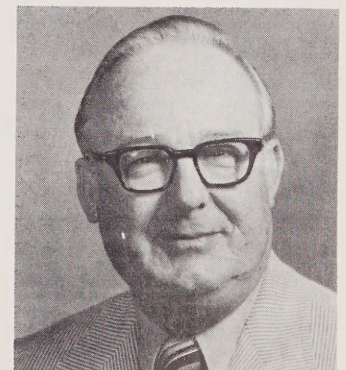
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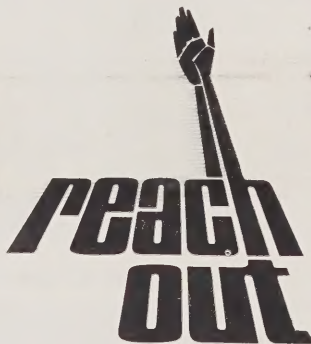
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